

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council Leadership & Coordination Working Group Work Session

Tuesday, August 7, 2007

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council (Council) and the general public, that the Council will hold a Work Session, open to the public, on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to Executive Order 2007-07 at the **State Land Department Conference Room 321 located at 1616 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007**. The order of the agenda may be changed to accommodate public comment. The Council will take no legal action on matters discussed.

Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions.

- 2. Review elements of the National Management Plan for Invasive Species regarding leadership and coordination.** The working group will discuss components of the National Management Plan that might have relevance to their Charter and task. Those elements may be used for comparison with the Charter. The plan can be downloaded at :
(<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/docs/council/mpfinal.pdf>).

- 3. Review and discuss the Leadership and Coordination Charter Objectives, and determine a process including a timeline for developing of the charter's objectives and subtasks.** The working group may discuss all or a prioritized set or parts of the following objectives:

- 1) Develop a detailed framework on how the Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council (Council) will function in the future.
 - a. Identify key representation and the process by which council members could be selected for recommendation to the Governor and appointed to the council.
 - b. Identify the replacement process and appointment of alternate representation.
 - c. Identify annual commitments; timeframe and frequency of meetings, meeting process and standard issues addressed.
- 2) Identify and recommend objectives and strategies for funding and staffing key State agencies to support end enhance invasive species programs.
 - a. The Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Department of Agriculture, Arizona State Land Department, Arizona State Parks, and the Arizona Department of Transportation each need to maintain or establish a dedicated, full-time Invasive Species Program Manager who could constitute and organize proactive programs for their agencies within their statutory authorizations.

- 3) Identify and describe objectives and tasks to facilitate consistent working relationships with neighboring states and internationally.
 - a. Identify states and countries where broad interactions regarding invasive species are needed to ensure appropriate levels of anticipation, prevention and response.
 - b. Identify or recommend forums for interstate or international coordination and cooperation.
 - c. Identify key agencies (Local, State and Federal), universities and private organizations, stakeholders and any other entities that maintain expertise and knowledge on invasive species issues, and identify the nature of expertise housed by each.
- 4) Identify alternative strategies to establish an Arizona Center for Invasive Species (Formal Center established at an Arizona Agency or University, Virtual Center, or other), and recommend which alternative would be most obtainable and best meet the needs of Arizona.
- 5) Identify and describe the role of a Center for Invasive Species (Center) in Arizona.
 - a. Identify objectives, strategies, and opportunities for financing a Center for Invasive Species.
 - b. Identify the role a Center could play in research and information management (repository of Technical Information, Database, Mapping, and Outreach and Education).
 - c. Identify the role a Center could play in invasive species anticipation and outreach.
 - d. Identify the role a Center could play in control and management of invasive species.
 - e. Identify parties best suited to lead the key roles identified in (a) through (d).
- 6) Identify, facilitate and initiate formal stakeholder coordination (develop or capitalize upon an existing grid of regional consortiums).
 - a. Identify existing Weed Management Areas (WMAs), Natural Resource Conservation Districts (NRCDs), Tribal Soil and Water Conservation Districts (CDs), and others to provide complete statewide coverage. Identify desired outcomes from coordination and collaboration.
 - b. Recommend a strategy for dividing the State into bio-geographical regions to best serve as conduits between local communities and the State.
 - c. Identify other avenues for coordination, including inter-state and international partnerships.
- 7) Identify objectives or concepts that may be missing, and identification of recommendations for charter modifications to the Council.

- 4. Identify other funding opportunities.** The working group will determine a process including a timeline for summarizing potential funding opportunities pertaining to invasive species leadership and coordination.
- 5. Identify future Leadership & Coordination Work Session dates, times and locations.**
- 6. Future agenda Items.**

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The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at the Arizona Department of Administration. Agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order.

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The Council may go into executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Attorney General's Office on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

One or more members of the Council may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.

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